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Title: Need to accord approval to feasibility report for four laning of Indapur-Zarap section of Mumbai-Goa National Highway No. 17 under NHDP IV.

DR. SANJEEV GANESH NAIK (THANE): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Central Government, through you, and particularly the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to a matter of urgent public importance relating to four laning of Panvel-Indapur (84 km.) section which is included in NHDP-III and awarded by the National Highways Authority of India. The remaining length of this section between Indapur and Zarap (366.170 km.) stretch is included in NHDP-IV requires urgent four laning due to heavy traffic on the highway. The hon. Minister of Road Transport and Highways has been urged by the hon. Chief Minister of Maharashtra to include this stretch under NHDP-IV during the meeting held on 21st September, 2011 at Mumbai. Accordingly, the stretch is included under NHDP-IV *vide* Ministry's letter dated 26th September, 2011. The MoU for appointing the State PWD as the implementing agency and preparing the feasibility report has also been submitted to the Ministry by the State PWD and signing of MoU is solicited. The approval of feasibility report is required to enable the State PWD to process LA estimates for financial approval.

Sir, the compliance report is submitted to the Central Government on 16.10.2012 regarding the issues raised by the Ministry on the feasibility report on four laning of National Highway No. 17 from Indapur to Zarap. So, I request the Government that this project should be implemented as soon as possible as this is a very important stretch of the National Highway No. 17.